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SUBJECT: FORMAT OF NATO MINISTERIAL MEETINGS

PFEFFER (FONOFF NATO DESK) TOLD US THAT THE FONOFF MAY MAKE A DEMARCHE IN ALL NATO CAPITALS TO CHANGE THE FORMAT OF NATO MINISTERIALS. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE FONOFF BECAME MORE THAN EVER CONVINCED IN THE RECENT MEETINGS IN BRUSSELS, THAT THE PRESENT FORMAT, ESPECIALLY THE FORMAL ADDRESSES BY MINISTERS, HAS BECOME OBSOLETE AND PRACTICALLY EXCLUDES ANY USEFUL DISCUSSIONS OF ISSUES. IN THIS REGARD, HE POINTED TO THE FORMAT OF THE DPC MINISTERIALS IN WHICH VIEWS WERE EXCHANGED IN A TOPIC-BY-TOPIC BASIS; THIS, IN HIS OPINION, WAS A FAR MORE EFFECTIVE WAY TO DISCUSS IMPORTANT ISSUES. HE THOUGHT MINISTER SCHEEL WAS SYMPATHETIC TO CHANGING THE FORMAT AND HE HOPED TO GET FONOFF CLEARANCE FOR A DEMARCHE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.  
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